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SUBJ DENKTASH REACTS ANGRILY TO REPORTED DRUG CHARGES BY
SENATOR D AMATO

1. TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH LABELED AS "SLANDEROUS LIES" REPORTED DECEMBER 29 VOA INTERVIEW WITH U.S. SENATOR ALFONSE D AMATO DURING WHICH LATTER WAS SAID TO HAVE CHARGED THAT OPIUM IS BEING PRODUCED IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. DENKTASH CLAIMED THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT SECURITY FORCES "ARE INVOLVED IN AN ALL-TIME EXERCISE" AGAINST NARCOTIC DRUG TRAFFICKING AND USE. HE ADDED THAT, "IT IS KNOWN, HOWEVER, THAT LIMASSOL AND LARNACA IN THE GREEK CYPRIOT REPUBLIC IN THE SOUTH ARE ACTING AS HEADQUARTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, THE SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS DRUGS AND PROSTITUTION."

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SENATOR D AMATO'S PLANS TO VISIT CYPRUS JANUARY 4-8 HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC, DENKTASH DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS IN HIS STATEMENT. EWING

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